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1. WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST DISCUSSION OF EFFECTIVE
WAYS TO APPROACH TERRORISM EXEMPLIFIED IN THE THE HAGUE
INCIDENT, PARTICULARLY ACTIVITIES OF SO-CALLED JAPANESE
RED ARMY. WE OF COURSE HAVE NO COMMENT ON TACTICS
ADOPTED WITH NATO ALLIES; STUDY OF PROBLEM APPEARS
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO US.

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2. HOWEVER, SINCE SUCH STUDY WOULD BE DEALING WITH

CITIZENS OF JAPAN ABROAD, AND GOJ ITSELF CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT POLICIES AND COUNTERMEASURES THAT CAN AND SHOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THIS PROBLEM, WE SUGGEST THAT WE BRING GOJ ABOARD AT SOME APPROPRIATE JUNCTURE BEFORE COMPLETION OF NATO STUDY. KNOWLEDGE AFTER THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN DEALING CONFIDENTIALLY WITH NATO ALLIES ABOUT PROBLEM WHICH TO SOME EXTENT AT LEAST INVOLVES DIRECT GOJ INTERESTS MAY PROVE TO BE AWKWARD.

3. JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN POSITION THUS FAR THAT THEY WISH TO DEAL WITH RED ARMY PROBLEM BILATERALLY WITH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, BUT THEY HAVE RECEIVED SOMEWHAT LIMITED COOPERATION AT LEAST FROM FRENCH AND DUTCH GOVERNMENTS IN REGARD TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE HAGUE INCIDENT. GOJ POSTURE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON TERRORISM PROBLEMS HAS BEEN GENERALLY FORTHCOMING, DESPITE SOME OBVIOUS SENSITIVITIES. FINALLY, GOJ AVERSION TO DIRECT INVOLVEMENT WITH NATO OR NATO-SPONSORED COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES IS WELL-KNOWN.

4. NONETHELESS, IT SEEMS TO US CONGRUENT WITH OUR BASIC INTERESTS IN RELATION BOTH TO JAPAN AND THE TERRORISM PROBLEM TO CONSULT WITH GOJ PRIVATELY IN ORDER TO APPRISE THEM OF OUR EFFORT IN EUROPE.
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